

Lt. Col. Bradley J. Herman

B.J. Herman graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery in 1995. After completing the ADA Officer Basic Course, Herman was assigned to 3rd Battalion 43rd ADA at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as a Patriot launcher platoon leader, fire control platoon leader and battery executive officer. During this assignment, he deployed with his unit to Southwest Asia. Following that assignment, Herman was assigned to 1-43rd ADA at Suwon, Republic of South Korea, where he served as the deputy installation commander. Following his graduation from the ADA Officer Advanced Course in 1999, he was assigned to 6-52nd ADA in Ansbach, Germany and served as the battalion S4, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, and commander of D Battery. During this assignment, he deployed with the battalion to Southwest Asia. Herman was then assigned to U.S. Forces Japan, J3 Directorate, where he served as an emergency action controller, information operations officer, current operations officer, and training and exercises officer.

Upon his graduation from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. in 2008, Herman was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division at Uijeonabu, Republic of South Korea, where he served as the chief of protection G5, and executive officer for the Division Special Troops Battalion. He then served as the commander travel support OIC, speech writer to the commander, and senior analyst for Headquarters, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, Commander's Initiatives Group. After his tour in Korea, Herman was assigned to 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McCord and deployed to serve as the SFAT commander to 1st Kandak, 1st Brigade, 205th Corps in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

His awards and decorations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with one OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (with one OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal (with campaign star), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (5th tour), the Parachute Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold.

Herman is married to the former Genevieve (Genny) Robin Gibbons, also of Rochester, Minn. They have two amazing boys - Hiroto and Aiden.